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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir. On 15th March 1955, the Police, however, recovered a black belting about 98 feet long from the Madras Hotel, Cannanore, which was alleged to have been left there by the Store-keeper, Central Jail, Cannanore, on his arrival at the hotel from Salem on 14th March 1955.

(*b*) Yes, Sir.

(*c*) A case has been registered by the Police and the accused will be charged under section 379, Indian Penal Code.

Retrenchment of some workers in rubber estates in Malabar

* 2356 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the management of Nilambur Rubber Estate, Munderi, Nilambur, Malabar, retrenched 30 workers on 11th March 1955, without giving any proper notice and retrenchment benefits thus violating Industrial Disputes Act, as amended in 1953;

(*b*) whether the Government has conducted any conciliation proceedings in the matter; and

(*c*) if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) With the good offices of the Labour Officer, Kozhikode, the management and the workers had settled their dispute amicably.

* 2357 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that thirty-four tappers were dismissed from the Mannarghat Rubber Estates, Malabar, recently;

(*b*) if so, whether Government have conducted any conciliation proceedings and with what result;

(*c*) whether the management of the said estate have given proper notice to the workers before retrenchment; and

(*d*) the causes for the retrenchment?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) *to* (*d*) A report has been called for from the Commissioner of Labour and it is awaited.

Family planning institutions in the State

* 2358 *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMY (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the amount spent by the Government on family planning institutions in the State in 1954–55?